

Playgrounds Set Christmas Fetes

Christmas events for children, teenagers and adults have been scheduled at two city playgrounds in this area, the Los Angeles Recreation Commission announced.

At Normandale, 1326 W. 224th st., a community night program will be held Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Four events are on the schedule at Normont Terrace, 990 W. 256th St., Harbor City. They are a children's party set for 4 p.m. Dec. 16; a community night program, "The Transfiguration of the Gifts," at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17; the Mehawk Boys' Club party, 4 p.m. Dec. 19, and the Lamp Club Christmas party, 4 p.m. Dec. 23.



CURIOSITY PAYS OFF . . . David Rhone, student at the Torrance High School, was curious about what happens behind the wire fences at the San Pedro Naval Supply Depot's Torrance Storage Area, and wrote a letter to that activity's Industrial Relations Dept. requesting that he and fellow students might have a look around. A tour was immediately arranged, which included a visit to the area's larger warehouses, fire station, and garage. The boys and girls also looked into one of the depot's largest sub-zero refrigerated boxes, and watched a demonstration of material stacking by fork lift drivers. Lt. Comdr. T. S. Morck, officer in charge of the area, explained the mission of the depot in relation to the current Korean action, prior to commencement of the tour. David Rhone's fellow students making the Dec. 4 visit included Lee Lush, Jim Lamb, John Holmes, Beverly Oaks, Kathy Curtiss, Bill Warren, George Sutton, Emmett Barrett, Cliff Gracie, Pendall Belights, Jerry Hughen, Judy Cook and Charles Howes.

Normont PTA Entertains at Christmas Party

Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders of Normont School helped carry out the PTA meeting theme, "Merriest Christmas for One and All," last Tuesday evening when they entertained with several Christmas carols.

Also featured on the program was a demonstration of gift-wrapping by Mrs. S. Brockbank.

Each member attending contributed to the theme by volunteering aid in the welfare project of distributing Christmas baskets to needy families at Normont Terrace.

Committee chairmen, Mesdames Lonnie Miller and John de Dominic, reported that school children are contributing canned goods; local merchants are donating meat, vegetables, and fruits; and Mrs. Collins, postmaster at Harbor City, is in charge of collecting old and new toys.

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McNeely Joins Navy Group's Blood Drive

Among the host of Navy men volunteering to donate blood for armed forces use last Thursday was Torrance resident William D. McNeely, USN, of Farron 701 Detachment.

This was the second blood donor drive held at U. S. Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Ream, San Ysidro, this year to shatter all previous records for a single day's contribution by a Naval shore installation.

Red Cross mobile units were alerted as far north as San Francisco to facilitate handling and processing of the whole blood received. Within 24 hours over 125 gallons were expected to be on the way to bolster the dwindling overseas supply.

Petty Thieves Work on Theory 'Better to Receive Than Give'

If, as the old Christmas saying goes, it is better to give than receive, three Torrance residents will have to agree ruefully that the axiom is true. The three have all been victims of petty thieves who are evidently working on that theory, or who are in dire need of a little spare Yule cash.

The Torrance police blotter listed the victims and their losses:

Virginia Sorenson, 2111 Arlington, shopping in Newberry's, reported her wallet, containing \$8 in cash, was taken from her overcoat pocket.

Florence McColip, 1606 W. 208th, said she laid down a package on the counter in the Torrance Cycle Shop, and when she reached for it, the counter was bare. The package contained two hunting knives and a medallion.

Ray's Appliance store, 1318 Sartori, which reported that person or persons unknown strolled into the shop Saturday evening and departed with a record player, part of a window display.

Torrance citizens cooking with gas will have to dig deeper in their pockets next year.

Beginning Jan. 1, the Southern California Gas Co., which serves this area, will add an average of 17 cents to customers' monthly bills.

State Public Utilities Commission approved the raise last week because of an increase in delivery charges by the El Paso Natural Gas Co., which pipes natural gas here from Texas.

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